

**HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT
FEDERAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Summary: Session # 10
Tuesday, December 3, 2002
Washington State University Tri-Cities
Consolidated Information Center, Rooms 120 & 120A
Richland, WA**

The Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Planning Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Washington State University Tri-Cities Consolidated Information Center in Richland, Washington.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Discuss role of the future Planning Workshops in the Comprehensive Conservation Planning process.
2. Discuss resource review reports.
3. Review draft vision statement and goals from Planning Workshop #1, and discuss advice.

Welcome and Introductions

Greg Hughes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Designated Federal Official (DFO) and Project Leader, Hanford Reach National Monument, opened the meeting and welcomed Committee members, the public, and other attendees. Mr. Hughes turned the meeting over to the Committee Chair, Jim Watts.

Mr. Watts reviewed the public comment process and reminded those making public comment that there was a five-minute time limit. He stated that the public comment period would be moved up to 11:30 a.m., just prior to the noon lunch. A public comment sheet was available at the sign in table for those interested in giving comment. He also reviewed the Committee's purpose and charter.

Alice Shorett, facilitator, reviewed the day's agenda, noting that the purpose of the day's session was to discuss the role of future Planning Workshops in the Comprehensive Conservation Planning process; discuss resource review reports; and review the draft vision statement and goals from Planning Workshop #1, and discuss advice. She also noted that there will be a report from the Subcommittee on White Bluffs sloughing.

Meeting Minutes from Session #9

Jim Watts asked the Committee if there were any changes to the meeting summary from session #9 on October 16, 2002. One Committee member suggested two minor changes to the draft summary. The Committee approved of the motion to change the summary as suggested.

Action: Committee moved and seconded to adopt the meeting summary #9, with amendments.

Role of future Planning Workshops in the Comprehensive Conservation Planning (CCP) Process

Ms. Shorett presented a flow chart of the Committee process with respect to the Planning Workshops (Attachment A). She highlighted how the Workshop draft products will serve as material that the Committee will review, expand upon, and use to provide advice on major sections of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and Department of Energy (DOE). The Service and DOE will review the advice and then provide feedback to the Committee on how their advice was used in the CCP. The three Planning Workshops will produce the draft vision and goals (Workshop #1), draft objectives (Workshop #2) and management alternatives (Workshop #3). Ms. Shorett further described the roles of the Committee, Planning Team and Planning Workshops.

The Committee entered into a discussion on the role of the Planning Workshop with relation to their charter. The Committee members who were able to attend the Workshop explained the process and provided context on how the Workshop participants developed their draft product. Of those Committee members that attended the Workshop and spoke at the meeting, all felt that the Workshop provided a way to complete enhanced staff work in a concentrated manner involving a broader range of people.

Dan Haas, Monument Lead Planner, added that Planning Workshop participants were given half the public scoping comments to date in their packet of information, but that the remainder of the comments did not significantly change the overall nature of comments.

Resource Review Reports

Dan Haas addressed the Committee on the nature of the Resource Reviews, reminding them that they had heard the purpose behind having the reviews at the last Committee meeting. He stated that several subject matter experts toured the Monument and gave their input on those issues, concerns and opportunities discussed during the tour. The reports are the equivalent of a trip report and do not necessarily reflect the direction the Service will take on a specific issue, concern or opportunity in the Monument CCP/EIS. The Reviews are another piece for the Committee to review and consider when providing advice to the Service and DOE on the CCP/EIS. The Service will seriously consider these reports just as they develop and range of alternatives in the CCP/EIS.

Mr. Watts asked if the Committee had the opportunity to review the Monument Resource Reviews previously sent to the Committee members via e-mail. Many Committee members

commented they did not have the chance to review the reports. Comments from Committee members that did review the reports expressed concern that the validity of the scientific information within the documents could not be verified due to lack of references within the document.

Mr. Watts directed the Committee to review the reports via subcommittee and report back to the full Committee at their next meeting. The review will be general, on the value of the Resource Reviews as reference documents. He reminded the Committee that they would not edit the Resource Reviews, as they are final documents within the Service.

Action: Existing subcommittees will review the Resource Reviews for general content and consistency, and report back to the full Committee on January 7, 2003.

Subcommittee Report: White Bluffs Sloughing

Leo Bowman, Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair, gave a brief presentation to the Committee concerning the progress made on the assessment of the White Bluffs sloughing issue. He explained that the consultant gathered published information regarding the sloughing and will be preparing a draft report on the issue.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Draft Vision, Goals and Table of Contents

Mike Marxen from the US Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office in Portland, OR, addressed the Committee on contextual background to the draft vision, goals and Table of Contents. He reminded the Committee that collectively, the Service and Committee, together with public and tribes are trying to find common ground on the future of the Monument through the planning process. Finding this common ground starts with the vision statement. Mr. Marxen presented definitions of Vision statement and goals reminding the committee that these definitions are found in the "Goals and Objectives Handbook" and "Guidance on Developing a Vision Statement for Your Refuge". These same materials were distributed to those participating in Planning Workshop #1. Additional copies of these documents were on the back table at the meeting.

Mr. Marxen stated that the vision statement has two audiences – the public and management. The public will look at the vision statement to enlighten and engage them in the value of the Monument, while management will look at the vision statement as broad and long term direction management actions should take. Mr. Marxen also presented to the Committee a preliminary draft of the Monument CCP/EIS Table of Contents (Attachment B). He explained that the relevant parts for this meeting were the vision statement and goals. The vision statement will

appear twice in the final CCP/EIS, once in the beginning and again in Section 1. The goals come further in the document typically in association with the more detailed objectives and strategies. All alternatives in the EIS document will have to support or achieve the vision and goals. The goals will also appear within the NEPA section, "Purpose and Need for Action" statement.

- Q: Under Section 1 of the Table of Contents, you refer to "Refuge." Should this be "Monument?"
- R: Mr. Marxen answered that the terms have been used interchangeably and that he would take this up with the Planning Team. The Service will get back to the Committee on which term is most appropriate, with some explanation on the distinction between the two terms.
- Q: Is there a reason for the order of the sections? Does it make a difference in what order they are discussed in the final CCP/EIS?
- R: Mr. Marxen responded by saying the format follows general National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) structure.

Dan Haas showed a Power Point presentation on the draft vision statement and goals from the Planning Workshop #1 (Attachment C). After the presentation, the Committee entered into a brief discussion of the initial feedback on the draft products from Workshop #1. Mr. Haas clarified that the goals are not listed in order of significance. The Committee members that attended the Workshop #1 also provided some context to how the Workshop participants developed the draft vision statement and goals.

- Q: When reading the vision statement, we use the terms "we" and "ours", but we do not tell the audience who that is.

The Committee continued discussion on the importance of using the terms "Monument" and "Reach" whenever appropriate. Other general feelings were that the vision statement was too long as is, that the goals not only need to step down from the vision statement, but also be compatible with the Monument Proclamation and Service guidance on Refuge management.

Committee Work: Draft Vision and Goals

After the Committee reconvened from lunch, they worked in small groups to specifically discuss suggestions to the draft vision statement and goals from the Planning Workshop #1, as well as the Service suggestions to that draft product. The Committee first worked in three small groups to discuss the draft vision statement, and then came back together to share their thoughts with the full Committee. They then worked in the same small three groups to discuss the draft goals, and then came back to share their suggestions with the full Committee. The result of that discussion is included as Attachment D.

Jim Watts directed one person from each break out group to meet via conference call with the

facilitation team, the Chairman and Vice Chair to develop the draft advice to the Service and DOE. That draft advice would be sent out to the Committee prior to the next Committee meeting for their review.

Action: A small subgroup will work with the facilitation team to develop draft advice, based upon Committee discussion.

Report on Refuge Activities

Greg Hughes reported on recent Monument day-to-day management activities. The Service staff was in the field working on the burned area rehabilitation, replanting sagebrush and controlling noxious weeds. He stated that he hopes to have the signs out in time for the spring centennial celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Recap and Next Steps

Alice Shorett summarized the day's events, congratulating the Committee on their hard work, and encouraging them to review the material before them. She reviewed the discussion on the draft vision statement and goals, and clarified that Triangle will work with a small drafting subcommittee comprised of one person from each small break out group to draft the advice from the Committee to the Service and DOE on the vision statement and goals. The draft will be presented to the full Committee for discussion at the next meeting, and in preparation of advice to the Service and DOE.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at the Washington State University Tri-Cities Consolidated Information Center, rooms 120 and 120A.

Greg Hughes adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Certified By:

Greg Hughes, DFO

Jim Watts, Chair

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Committee Seat	Member	Alternate
K-12 Education	Karen Weida	Royace Aikin
Cities		<i>vacant</i>
Conservation/Environmental	Rick Leaumont	Mike Lilga
Counties	Leo Bowman	Frank Brock
Economic Development	Jim Watts	Harold Heacock
Outdoor Recreation	Rich Steele	
Public-at-Large	Kris Watkins	
Scientific/Academic	Michele Gerber	
	David Geist	
	Gene Schreckhise	Ed Rykiel
State	Jeff Tayer	Ron Skinnarland
Tribal	Rex Buck	<i>vacant</i>
Utilities/Irrigation	Nancy Craig	<i>vacant</i>
Designated Federal Official	Greg Hughes	

Participants and Invited Speakers

U.S. Department of Energy	Lloyd Piper
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Mike Marxen
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dan Haas

Facilitators

Triangle Associates, Inc.	Alice Shorett	Derek Van Marter
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Meeting Support

U.S. Department of Energy	Peggy Terlson
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Observers

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Paula Call
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Don Voros
U.S. Department of Energy	Dana Ward
U.S. Department of Energy	Tom Ferns
Nez Perce Tribe	Rico Cruz
BPA	Mary Hollen
BPA	Don Rose
Congressman Hastings Office	Joyce Olson
Benton County	Adam Fyall
Energy Northwest	John Arbuckle
Backcountry Horsemen of WA	Linda Smith

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Richland Rod & Gun
Columbia Biological Assessments
Tri-City Herald
B-Reactor Museum Assoc.

Sam Meacham
Eugene Van Liew
John Strand
Annette Cury
Del Ballard

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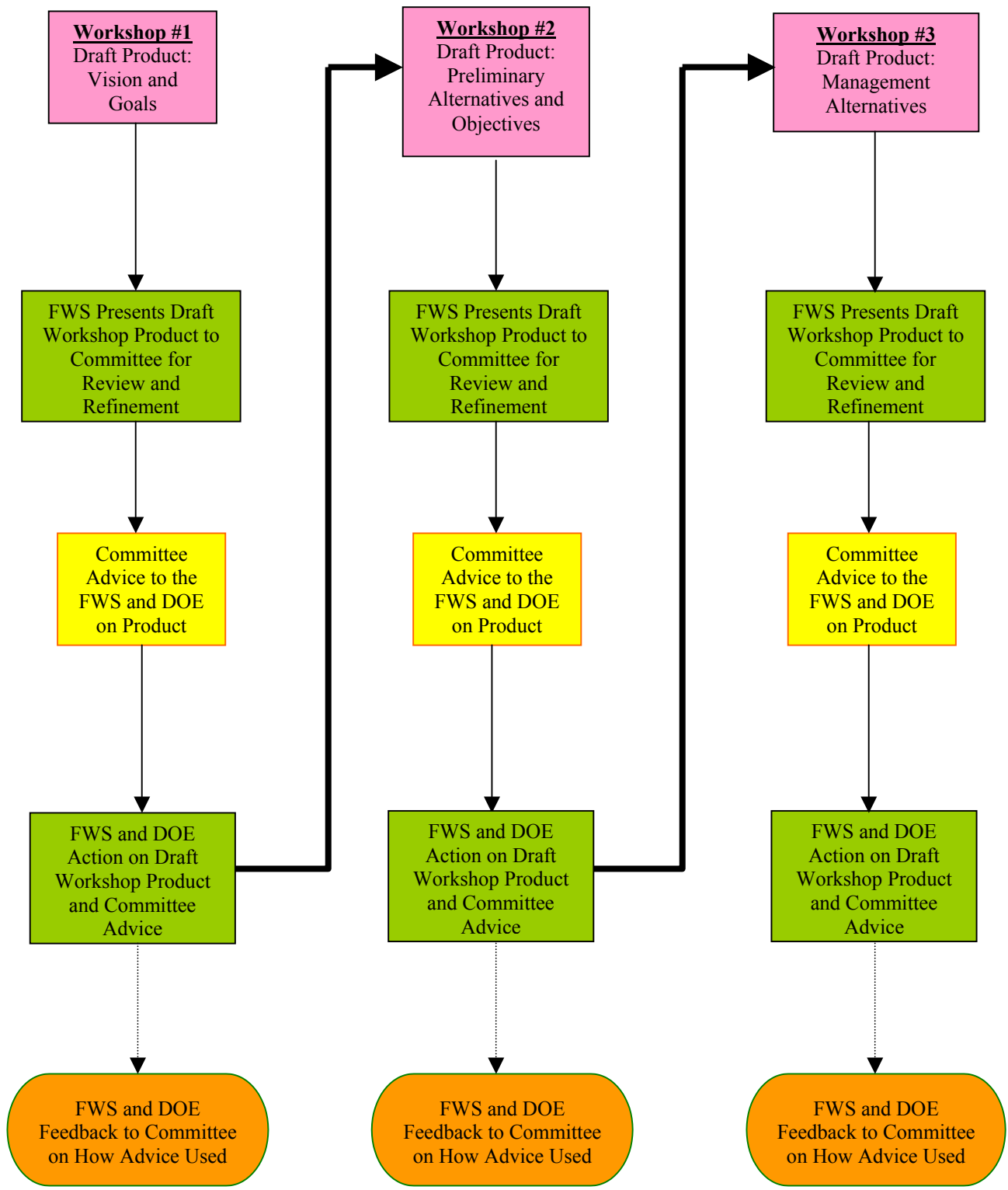
Committee's Packet of Materials

Meeting Agenda (December 3, 2002)
Draft Meeting Summary: Session #9 (October 16, 2002)
Draft Vision and Goals from Planning Workshop #1
Draft Vision and Goals – FWS Suggestions
Draft Vision and Goals – Don Rose Comments
Guidance on Developing a Vision Statement for Your Refuge
Writing Refuge Management Goals and Objectives – A Handbook
Draft Table of Contents for CCP/EIS
Planning Workshop Product Flow Chart and Roles
Seattle Times article on Monument
Cover Letter from FWS Regional Chief of the NWRS for Resource Reviews
Final Report from Workshop #1

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Alternative Development Process
Planning Relationships
Monument Resource Reviews (via email)

PLANNING WORKSHOP PRODUCT FLOW CHART



Role of the FACA committee is described in the Charter. Specific language from the purpose and description of duties include: "The Committee will make recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Dept. of Energy on the preparation of a long-term management plan for the Hanford Reach National Monument CCP and EIS, focusing on advice that identifies and reconciles, where possible, land management issues while meeting the Proclamation directives to protect the biologic, scientific, archaeologic, historic, geologic, and paleontologic objects of interest in the Monument..." and "The Committee's duties and responsibilities are to (a)Develop recommendations regarding the preparation of the Hanford Reach National Monument CCP/EIS...(b)Assist with providing opportunities for meaningful public participation and input during the planning process; (c)Provide recommendations identifying planning issues and developing goals, objectives, priorities and management alternatives for the CCP/EIS. Following release of a draft plan for public comment, the Committee will provide recommendations addressing public comments and preparing the final plan"

At the Committee's first session, Region 1 USFWS Director Anne Badgley and Hanford Site Manager Keith Klein stated that they would give serious consideration to Committee recommendations and they would provide feedback to the Committee at various stages throughout the process, indicating how they used the Committee's advice, and where they could not use the advice, describe why.

Role of the Planning Team is to draft the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement and associated documents. The planning team will write, research, and prepare the official documents. The planning team does all the staff work on preparation of the long-term management plan for the Hanford Reach National Monument.

Role of the Planning Workshops is to produce draft products that will be used to develop the CCP. The planning workshops consist of three, 3 1/2 day sessions with participants including members of USFWS, the Committee, and invited organizations, governments, and interested citizens. Draft products from the planning workshops will be reviewed by the Committee for formal advice back to USFWS and USDOE.

The planning workshops will produce the following products: Workshop #1--Draft Vision and goals; Workshop #2--draft goals, management alternatives (a set of draft alternatives will result from this workshop) and objectives; Workshop #3--Management alternatives developed in Workshop #2 will be re-visited and revised, and objectives to achieve them.

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The Hanford Reach National Monument

Vision & Goals



Established June 9, 2000

The Vision – Workshop I

We embrace the irreplaceable natural and historic inheritance of the Columbia Basin. The Reach, the last free-flowing stretch of the Columbia River, is the ribbon that weaves shrub-steppe and riverine communities together defining a magnificent arid landscape—a place to discover the richness of life, to reflect upon freedom and experience sunrises in solitude.

The Vision – Workshop I

Our diverse wildlife and fully functioning ecosystems are critical for the biological robustness and integrity of the Columbia Basin. The unique combination of the rare and expansive shrub-steppe ecosystem, the free flowing river, and the last major wild salmon spawning grounds surviving on the Columbia, combine to create a diverse and rich mosaic. The Reach is a refuge for a multitude of species, many of which are new to science. The Reach provides treaty resources for Native Americans which are shared for the physical and spiritual sustenance of all.

The Vision – Workshop I

The Monument is a natural gathering place to experience, learn, and celebrate, where stories are protected, studied and passed on as they have been since time immemorial. Cultural resource management protects and honors Native American use of the area, immigrant settlement, and the atomic era. Public access, recreation, education, and research are managed to minimize their impact on the Monument's resources.

The Vision – Workshop I

The Monument is a testimonial to the sacrifices of our ancestors. We respect and value our national and regional heritage, natural and cultural resources, existing users, neighbors, partners, and visitors.

The Goals – Workshop I

- 1) Restore and conserve shrub-steppe and other upland habitats fully functioning within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain the full complement of native wildlife and plant populations of the mid Columbia Basin.
- 2) Restore and conserve the function of aquatic and riparian communities within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain healthy populations of native fish, and other native aquatic and riparian-dependent species within the Hanford Reach.

The Goals – Workshop I

- 3) Protect and acknowledge the Native American, European settler, atomic and Cold War histories of Monument lands to ensure present and future generations connect to the area's past.
- 4) Identify and protect the distinctive geological and paleontological resources of the Monument.

The Goals – Workshop I

- 5) Provide a rich variety of educational, interpretive and recreational opportunities for visitors to gain a deeper appreciation, knowledge and understanding of the Monument compatible with security, safety and resource protection needs.
- 6) Facilitate research on the Monument consistent with security and safety needs compatible with resource protection, with an emphasis on research that contributes to management goals.

The Goals – Workshop I

- 7) Establish and maintain a cooperative fire management program that protects resources, facilities and neighbors.
- 8) Provide high-quality environmentally friendly infrastructure, operations, and maintenance capabilities in harmony with Monument purposes.

The Goals – Workshop I

- 9) Foster, support, and respect cooperative partnerships that preserve valid and existing rights while protecting the purposes of the Monument. Recognize and cooperate with state, local and tribal governments in the discharge of statutory responsibilities. Enhance relationships and partnerships with community organizations and neighbors furthering management goals.
- 10) Protect when possible and consider the natural visual character, solitude and tranquility of the Monument.

The Vision – FWS Suggestions

The Hanford Reach National Monument embraces the irreplaceable natural and historic inheritance of the Columbia Basin. The Reach, the last free-flowing stretch of the Columbia River, is the ribbon that weaves shrub-steppe and riverine communities together defining a magnificent arid landscape a place to discover the richness of life, to reflect upon freedom and experience sunrises in solitude.

The Vision – FWS Suggestions

The Monument's diverse wildlife and fully functioning ecosystems are critical for the biological robustness and integrity of the Columbia Basin. The unique combination of the rare and expansive shrub-steppe ecosystem, the free-flowing river, and the last major wild salmon spawning grounds surviving on the Columbia, combine to create a diverse and rich mosaic. The Monument is a haven for a multitude of species, many of which are new to science. Both rare and common species find refuge here to complete critical parts of their life cycle.

The Vision – FWS Suggestions

The Monument is a natural gathering place to experience, learn, and celebrate, where stories are protected, studied and passed on as they have been since time immemorial. The Monument provides treaty resources for Native Americans which are shared for the physical and spiritual sustenance of all. Cultural resources are protected, honoring Native American use of the area, immigrant settlement, and the atomic era. Public access, recreation, education, and research are managed to minimize their impact on the Monument's resources.

The Vision – FWS Suggestions

We respect and value our natural and cultural resources, existing users, neighbors, partners, and visitors. The Monument is a testimonial to our national and regional heritage and the sacrifices of our ancestors.

The Goals – FWS Suggestions

- 1) Restore and conserve shrub-steppe and other upland habitats fully functioning within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain the full complement of native wildlife and plant populations of the Columbia Basin.
- 2) Restore and conserve the function of aquatic and riparian communities within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain healthy populations of native fish, and other native aquatic and riparian-dependent species within the Monument.

The Goals – FWS Suggestions

- 3) Protect and acknowledge the Native American, immigrant, atomic and Cold War histories of the Monument to ensure present and future generations connect to the area's past.
- 4) Protect the distinctive geological and paleontological resources of the Monument.
- 5) Provide a rich variety of educational, interpretive and recreational opportunities for visitors to gain a deeper appreciation, knowledge and understanding of the Monument compatible with resource protection needs.

The Goals – FWS Suggestions

- 6) Facilitate research consistent with resource protection, with an emphasis on research that contributes to management goals of the Monument.
- 7) Establish and maintain a cooperative fire management program that protects resources, facilities and neighbors.
- 8) Provide infrastructure, operations, and maintenance capabilities in harmony with Monument purposes.

The Goals – FWS Suggestions

- 9) Enhance relationships and partnerships with community organizations and neighbors furthering management goals.
- 10) Consider and protect when possible the natural visual character, solitude and tranquility of the Monument.

Thank You

Now we ask that the Federal Advisory Committee take the draft Vision and Goals from Workshop #1 and FWS staff suggestions and offer us its wise advice.

It's important that Workshop #2 begin with a final preliminary Vision and Goals. In order to accomplish this, we ask that the FAC provide us its advice at the next meeting, February 7, 2003.



DISCUSSION OF DRAFT COMMITTEE ADVICE ON MONUMENT VISION STATEMENT AND GOALS

From Committee Meeting December 3, 2002

VISION STATEMENT

The Committee considered the draft vision statement with an eye to the intent of the Monument Proclamation, the purpose of the vision statement as set forth in the Service policy manual, and with the importance this statement will have to the future of the Monument in the community and region. The Committee observed the following principles in re-drafting:

1. *Voice.* The Monument should be named and the third party voice clearly identified so anyone seeing the vision statement on a plaque, in a brochure, could identify it for what and where it is.
2. *Poetry and scientific accuracy.* The members of the Committee understand the need for the vision statement to be inspirational, with words that express the awe and wonder of the place, as well as being scientifically accurate and using words that will wear with age but do not bear historical, negative baggage. Some of the wording changes the Committee made were for these reasons.
3. *Brevity and Punch.* The members of the Committee agree that the vision statement should be no more than a half page in length. Changes were made to make the statement more succinct. We imagine this statement appearing all over the Monument and in the community.

The Committee discussion follows:

The Hanford Reach National Monument embraces the irreplaceable natural and historic inheritance of the Columbia Basin. The Reach, the last free flowing, **non-tidal** stretch of the Columbia River, is the ribbon that weaves shrub-steppe and riverine communities together defining a magnificent arid landscape.

Discussion:

- Committee agreed deleting the possessive “our” and “we.” One group suggested replacing “embrace” with “represents.”
- Committee agreed to delete “...- a place to discover the richness of life, **to reflect upon freedom** and experience sunrises in solitude.”
- One group suggested: “The Hanford Reach National Monument represents an irreplaceable natural and historic legacy. The Reach, the last free flowing, non-tidal stretch of the Columbia River, is the ribbon that weaves shrub-steppe and riverine communities together, defining a magnificent landscape.”

The Monument’s diverse wildlife and fully functioning ecosystems are critical for the biological robustness and integrity of the Columbia Basin. The unique combination of the rare and expansive shrub-steppe ecosystem, the free flowing

river, and **the last major wild salmon spawning grounds** surviving on the Columbia, combine to create a diverse and rich mosaic. The Reach is a refuge for a multitude of species, many of which are new to science. The Monument is a haven for a multitude of species, many of which are new to science

Discussion:

- Use Monument instead of “our.”
- Committee agreed that this paragraph is too long.
- One group suggested: “Fully functioning ecosystems are critical for the biological robustness and integrity of the Columbia Basin. The unique combination of the rare and expansive shrub-steppe ecosystem, the free flowing river, and the diverse plant and animal life make the Monument a haven for a multitude of species, some of which are new to science.”
- Discussion on whether appropriate to single out any species based on long-term view of vision.
- Committee agreed to drop “Both rare and common species find refuge here to complete critical parts of their life cycle.”

The Monument is a natural gathering place to experience, learn, and **reflect on the past**. The Reach provides treaty resources for Native Americans, which are shared for the physical and spiritual sustenance of all. **Cultural and historic resources are protected, in recognition of the significance of Native American use of the area, immigrant settlement, and the atomic era. Public use opportunities, recreation, education, research and community quality of life and economic benefits should be managed and encouraged as compatible with resource protection.**

Discussion:

- Committee suggested eliminating the phrase “...celebrate, where stories are protected, studied and passed on as they have been since time immemorial.” The suggestion was made on the basis that tragic world historic resources are not celebrated, rather are recognized and reflected upon.
- Replace this sentence: “Cultural resources are protected, honoring Native American use of the area, immigrant settlement, and the atomic era.”
- Replace the sentence: “Public access, recreation, education, and research are managed to minimize their impact on the Monument’s resources.”

We respect and value our natural and cultural resources, existing users, neighbors, partners, and visitors. The Monument is a testimonial to our national and regional heritage and the sacrifices of our ancestors.

Discussion:

- Two groups suggested leaving the last paragraph.
- Other group suggested this: “The Monument embodies respect for the value of natural and cultural resources, existing users, neighbors, partners and visitors.”

Goals

As stated in the Service handbook on “Writing Refuge Management Goals and Objectives” distributed to the Committee, an individual goal supports the refuge vision and articulates the desired end result. With this in mind, the Committee examined how the goals stepped-down from the vision statement, and were consistent with the Proclamation. Moreover, the Committee identified a preference for broad statements of desired future conditions without defining measurable units, and that extend well beyond the mandated 15-year period.

The Committee discussion follows:

1. **Conserve and restore** shrub-steppe and other upland habitats **fully functioning** within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain the full complement of native wildlife and plant populations of the **Columbia Basin**.

Discussion:

- Committee agreed to flip-flop “Conserve” and “Restore” in 1 and 2.
 - One group had an issue with the use of this term, because it cannot lead to a measurable objective.
 - Question to the regional qualifier of the use of the Columbia Basin. Original from Planning Workshop was mid Columbia Basin. Suggestions such as “Columbia Plateau,” “of region,” or “of Pasco Basin.”
2. **Conserve and restore** the function of aquatic and riparian communities within their natural range of variability to enhance and maintain healthy populations of native fish, and other native aquatic and riparian-dependent species within the **Monument**.

Discussion:

- One group suggested inserting restoration of healthy populations also. Concern about setting goals too high.
 - Committee agrees with this replacement.
3. Protect and acknowledge the Native American, **settler**, atomic and Cold War histories of Monument to ensure present and future generations **recognize the significance of** the area’s past.

Discussion:

- Committee recommends returning to settler, without “European.”
 - One group suggested this replacement from “connect to.”
 - One alternative is to use the phrase “Protect and acknowledge cultural and historic resources to ensure...”
4. Protect the distinctive geological and paleontological resources of the Monument.

Discussion:

- No changes

5. Provide a rich variety of **cultural**, educational, interpretive and recreational opportunities for visitors, knowledge and understanding of the Monument **compatible with resource protection needs**.

Discussion:

- Committee agreed to add the word “cultural.”
 - Discussion on adding “Access.” One group suggested providing “Access and a rich variety of...” Another group suggested “...interpretive and recreational opportunities, including access, for visitors...”
 - Committee strikes “to gain a deeper appreciation” in the interest of brevity.
 - Suggestion to change phrase to “...compatible with the Proclamation.”
 - Committee agreed with dropping “security and safety.”
6. Facilitate research consistent with resource protection, with an emphasis on research that contributes to management goals of the Monument.

Discussion:

- Committee agreed with dropping “security and safety.”
 - Half the Committee suggested the phrase “...with an emphasis on research that contributes to management goals...” be deleted.
 - Committee agreed with adding the phrase “of the Monument.”
7. Establish and maintain a cooperative fire management program that protects facilities, resources and neighbors, **and fulfills natural resource management objectives**.

Discussion:

- “Fire management programs consistent with enlightened resource management that protects...”
 - Suggestion by one group to add this phrase at the end.
8. Provide infrastructure, operations, and maintenance capabilities **that are** in harmony with Monument purposes.

Discussion:

- One group suggested adding this phrase.
 - One group questioned whether this goal should even be included.
9. **Foster, support, and respect cooperative partnerships that preserve valid and existing rights while protecting the purposes of the Monument. Recognize and cooperate with state, local and tribal governments in the discharge of statutory responsibilities.** Enhance relationships and partnerships with community organizations and neighbors furthering management goals.

Discussion:

- The Committee wanted the original phrase returned. Cooperative partnerships are not the same as enhancing relationships. It is important to keep the intent of valid existing rights as a stated goal. State, local and Tribal governments are different than community organizations and neighbors.
- There was some discussion and agreement on potentially splitting into two goals.
- Suggestion on considering message sent to neighbors and relationships. How do we propose to resolve legal disagreements?

10. Protect the natural visual character, solitude and tranquility of the Monument.

Discussion:

- The Committee wanted to delete "...when possible and consider..."
- Committee discussion on validity of this goal.

11. **NEW GOAL**

Discussion:

- Suggestion to add goal relating to connectivity.
- Discussion focused on the need to establish as a goal of management, cooperation between other large tracts of land around the Monument.